

Work Session Minutes 3/17/14

Present: Rich Correa, Ellen Lohsen, Pete Musse, John Sansone, Gerry Tonner, Dino Kostantakis, Don Morrell and Ralph Williams

Public Portion

Report: Vinnie Tamburro, president of Boys Travel Basketball

- Had a great year—the 4th, 7th and 8th grade teams made the playoffs.
- Conditions at Memorial fields are bad. Gave commissioners a quote from TriState to fix.
 - Quote will be passed on to John Perkins.
 - League presidents will be emailed that they can't use Memorial until okayed by John.
 - Field Use email will be sent to AD and league presidents

Issue Raised: Expressed frustration with the gym request process—sees various gyms unoccupied and basketball only getting one night for practice.

- Can Rec use DHS gym on Saturdays?
- Can we reserve a gym by sport and not by individual league, i.e., “Basketball” instead of Travel, Rec and Girls?
- How can we better handle last-minute cancellations?

Recreation will set up a meeting with the BOE, various league presidents and Mike Oppido, DHS's Athletic Director to come up with a better system.

Recreation Board Portion

Old Business

The Hut: Agreed that Little League can lease the Hut for \$4,000 for 2014. Will vote at Rec Board Meeting. Will review the terms for next year.

Summer Recreation: Reviewed the costs including salaries for Crossing Guards and counsellors—which will remain \$7.25 an hour. Agreed that counsellors will get paid in full on rainy days if they show up. Agreed to leave the sign-up fee at \$150. Waiting to see how much the borough's contribution to Summer Rec will be—in the past recreation's budget was less than 1% of the borough's total. Sign-ups Mondays in May except Memorial Day, plus a Thursday. Late sign-up \$50 fee and there will be one in-person late sign-up.

- Gerry will call Samantha Walters—is she interested—and ask for laptop password.
- Ellen will ask Bill Wicker for last year's special entertainers to call and set up dates.
- Counselor and CIT applications will be emailed to DHS Guidance Department.
- A letter to former counsellors will be drafted to see if they're interested for 2014.
- Gerry and Ellen will inventory Rec Shirts to see what needs to be ordered.

- Don will inquire if we can use the Dumont Swim Club for Mondays as in the past.

New Business

Basketball Playoffs Incident: Pete summarized the events that took place at a recent playoffs game at Grant School that involved an adult yelling at a player on the other team. Emails from the involved parties were passed around.

- Brian Joyce and Pete Musse will arrange to meet with the parties individually to go over the Code of Ethics.
- Ellen will email the complainant on behalf of the Recreation Department to let her know a meeting will be set up.

Babe Ruth Field: Discussed imposing a \$50 per game fee for Men's Sunday Baseball League to use Babe Ruth Field on Sundays for approximately 15 dates. Also need to make sure the new backstop doesn't come over home plate.

Memorial Park: Discussed the need for a security presence at Memorial Park for the summer due to resident complaints of drinking, curfew violations and suspicious cars.

Twin Boro Field: Need DPW to clear the ice and snow to access the electric box to turn the lights on.

Dumont High School Field : Tim Downing, Soccer League president, would like Recreation to ask the Board of Ed if they can use the DHS Field till 10 pm with the lights on to make up for lost practice times due to the bad weather. Ellen will follow up.

Field Maintenance: Pete will handle Weedman—can we get the same price as last year?

Soccer Trailer: Tim Downing wants to donate the Soccer Trailer to Recreation. Can be used at all fields and on Dumont Day. Needs to be refurbished.

*Submitted by Ellen Lohsen
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